Proposal to Start Special Postal Service "Business Channel"

2674. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a special postal service "Business Channel"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Business Channel has been introduced with effect from 1st July' 94 in 6 important cities of the country viz Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad. The scheme envisages segregation of business mails posted in post offices or in mail offices across -the counter in bulk by various organisations at the stage of collection, sorting and transmission. Such segregation helps in streamlining the functioning of mail sorting offices and, in the process, it ensures speedier disposal not only of the mails posted in bulk but also of the other mails.

Narwana Telephone Exchanges in Haryana

2675. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of telephone exchanges in Haryana and how many of these have been provided with complete electronic machinery/services;

(b) by when Government propose to convert all the telephone exchanges in Haryana into electronic exchanges;

(c) whether telephone exchanges situated at Narwana in District Jind has only partial elecronic equipment and the majority of the subscribers in the Narwana exchanges are having electronic equipment causing great hardship;

(d) by when Government propose to convert the Narwana exchange into electronic exchange;

(e) whether the Department has withdrawn trunk booking facility from Narwana exchange, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when this facility is to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Total No. of telephone exchanges in Haryana as on 31-7-94 is 610 and out of these 594 exchanges have been provided with complete electronic machinery/services.

(b) .here are 16 Electro-mechanical exchanges in the State out of which, two exchanges, one at Kalka and another exchange at Jind, are planned for replacement by Electronic exchanges during the year 1995-96. The remaining 14 exchanges have not yet outlived their prescribed life and as such are not planned for replacement. STD subscribers are being progressively transfered to electronic exchanges.

(c) Yes, Sir. The existing telephone exchange at Narwana comprise of;

(1) 1500 lines strowger system (commissioned in 1988 and expanded in phases later on), and

(2) 512 lines C DoT SBM elecronic exchange. The telephone services are quite satisfactory at Narwana.

(d) As the equipment has not served its full life, it is not yet planned for replacement.

(e) and (f) As per Policy, the trunk centres are to be limited to long distance charging centres (LDCCs) which are co-terminus with district HO/Secondary Switching Area (SSA). Accordingly the trunk services in Narwana have been shifted to its LDCC at Jind which is a District HQ and these services are working quite satisfactorily.

Post Offices in Villages in Haryana

2676. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to state: (a) whether
Government propose to
open post offices in all the villages of the

country like the telephone services. If so, what are the Governemnt planstime table by which all the villages will be covered;

(b) how many out of the total villages in Haryana have been provided with post offices and by when the remaining villages will be covered; and

(c) how many type of postal services are being provided by the Department at the village level and what are the pattern of the various services being provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Post Offices in rural areas are opened as per norms, subject to availablity of funds and Plan targets. Norms are as follows:—

	Normal area	Hilly tribal, desert and inaccessible areas
Population	3000	1000
Distance from the nearest Post Office	3 Kms.	3 Kms.
Income to cost	33.16%	15%

(b) In Haryana, 2270 villages, out of 6757 have already been provided with post offices. Remaining villages will be coverd in course of time, subject to their fulfilling the norms and availability of resources and Plan targets.

(c) Postal services, namely, collection and delivery of mail, registration, parcel, insured, money order and Savings Bank facility, are being provided at the vilage level and the pattern of these services are through either extra departmental branch post office or departmental sub post office.

Shifting of Telephones

2677. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of transfer of telephone connections in Delhi have been delayed beyond the usual time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to simplify the procedure of shifting of telephone connections;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Noarmally cases relating to transfer of telephones are disposed of within the usual time subject to submission of proper documents by the subscriber.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Procedure for shifting has been simplified in respect of telephones provided under OYT-Scheme by permitting the shift if its date of registration has been covered in the exchange are where it is required to be shifted or it has worked for a period of at least six months in the exchange area from where it is required to be shifted.

In the case of telephone connections provided under Tatkal Category, local shift is permitted without any pre-condition.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Post Offices without Public Telephone Facility in Gujarat

2678. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices£ub-post offices in Gujarat without public telephone facility; and